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Mercurius Hermeticus
EPHEMERIS:

OR,

An Almanack for the year of
our Lord, 1657.

Presenting unto *England* the most
material Contingencies of
this year 1657.

According to the best practical Rules
of Astrology, either ancient or modern.

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*Felix qui potuit Rerum cognoscere causas,
Atq; metus omnes, & inexorabile fatum
Subjecit pedibus, strepitumq; Acherontis avari.*

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To the Reader.

HAVING ever since I came unto understanding (Courteous Reader) practised my self in *Astrological* and *Physical* studies, and having attained something therein, I am willing to impart some of that knowledge which God hath in his mercy been pleased to bestow upon me, unto the open view of the world: For the manifestation whereof I have freely given unto thee this small Book, being the first publique fruite of my labours, containing some *Astrological* Predictions and *Physical* Observations, which are most fit for this place. Which if I shall find to be received by thee kindly, expect more of my labours in the same kinde. And untill then I rest, Thine to do thee further service.

Thy Friend in affection

JAMES BASTON.

*Moer-Fields, next to the
Cock in the wall,
London, this 8th. of
August, 1656.*

Of the vulgar notes for this year, 1657.

The Julian Sofficient, or English account for this year,
1657.

The golden Number.	5.
The Circle of the Sun.	14.
The Dominical Letter.	D.
The Roman Indiction.	10.
The Epact.	25.
First Sunday in Lent, Febr.	15.
Easter day, March	29.
Ascension day, May	7.
Whit Sunday, May	17.
Advent Sunday, Nov.	29.

The Lilians, Grigorian or Roman account for this year 1657.

Aureus Numerus	5.
Cyclus Solaris	14.
Litera Dominicalis	G.
Indictio Romana	8.
Epacta	15.
Quinquagesima, Febr.	18.
Dominica Paschalis, Apri.	1.
Ascensio Christi, May	10.
Pentecoste, May	20.
Adventus Domini, Decem.	2.

How to know the length of the day and night.

Do thus, Look what day you would know its length, then having found the day, see at what time the Sun setteth that day; then double those hours and minutes, and the whole sum is the length of that day.

Example, the first of January the Sun riseth at London, at 2. min. past 8. and setteth 58. min. past 3. My work is thus, Time of the Suns setting is 3. h. 58. min. then I say $3 \ 58$ maketh 7. h. 56. m. the true length of the first of January.

How to know the length of the night:

In this you are to do no more then double those hours and minutes that are for the Sun-rising, and you have the length of the night. Example the said 1. of January, the Sun riseth at 2. min. past 8. then I say $8 \ 2$ makes 16. hours and 4. min. the true length of the night the first of January.

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The parts of the body under the twelve signs.

♈ Head and face.

♉ Neck Throat, Vertebrae of the neck.

♊ Shoulders arms and hands. (Liver.

♋ Brest, Ribs, Lungs, Pleura, Ventricle of the stomach,

♌ Heart, back, Vertebrae of the brest, Appetite.

♍ Belly, Bowels, Navil, Spleen, and the Omentum.

♎ Reins, Buttocks.

♏ Secrets, Bladder and Fundament.

♐ Thighs.

♑ Knees and Hams.

♒ Legs.

♓ Ancles, Feet.

Rules for giving Purges.

The ♀ in ♈ in * or Δ with	♊ Purge the Melancholy	with E- lectua- ries.
	♋ Purge the Phlegm	
	♌ Purge choler ♀ not combust	
The ♀ in ♍ in * or Δ with	♊ Purge Melancholy	with Potions.
	♋ Purge Phlegm	
	♌ Purge choler ♀ not combust	
The ♀ in ♎ in * or Δ with	♊ Purge Melancholy	with Pills.
	♋ Purge Phlegm	
	♌ Purge choler ♀ not combust	
The ♀ in ♏ or ♐ in * or Δ with	♊ Purge Melancholy	with any kinde of medicine
	♋ Purge Phlegm	
	♌ Purge choler ♀ not combust	

These are the common rules for Purging; but indeed I never could much approve of the ♀ being in ♏ or ♐, especially when she is in Δ or * of ♊

January

January hath XXX^r dayes.

Now *Phabus* in the *Goat* is plac'd,
And from the South he makes great haste,
For fear he should too long there stay
And make these nights as long as Summer dayes.

1	a	15	♄	56	Thighs	Sun riseth 2. min. past 8. sets
2	b	28	♃	57		58. past 3.
3	c	11	♊	46	Knees	<i>Natalis Ciceronis.</i>
4	d	24		22		New moon at 12. min. past 1.
5	e	6	♋	48	Legs	in the afternoon.
6	f	19		2		<i>Epiphany</i> or <i>Twelf</i> day.
7	g	1	♌	4	Feet	Sun riseth 54. min. past 7. sets
8	a	13		2		6. min. past 3.
9	b	24		15		
10	c	6	♍	45	Head	
11	d	18		40		
12	e	0	♎	39	Neck	First quarter, 17. min. past 5.
13	f	12		53		in the afternoon.
14	g	25				Sun riseth 45. min. past 7. sets
15	a	8	♏	16	Arms	15. past 4.
16	b	21		35		<i>John Schonerus nascit. An. 1477.</i>
17	c	5	♐	19	Brest	
18	d	19		27		
19	e	3	♑	58	Heart	Full moon 55. min. past 10. at
20	f	18		46		night. <i>Copernicus, 1472.</i>
21	g	3	♒	47	Bowels	Sun riseth 34. min. past 7. sets
22	a	18		45		26. min. past 4.
23	b	3	♓	45	Reins	Term begins.
24	c	18		14		
25	d	2	♈	25	Secrets	<i>Conversion of Paul.</i>
26	e	16		14		Last quarter, the 26. day, 8.
27	f	29		49		min. past 2. in the afternoon.
28	g	12	♉	56	Thighs	Sun riseth 23. min. past 7. sets
29	a	25		50		37. past 4.
30	b	8	♊	30	Knees	
31	c	20		59		

February hath XXVIII dayes.

February is now fully come ;
Phabus, the Goat thou hast out-run ;
Aquarius now is thy true place,
 And *Apollo* now doth the fishes chase.

1	D 3	20		Sun riseth 17. min. past 7. sets
2	e	15	Legs	43. past 4.
3	f	27		Purification of <i>Mary</i> .
4	g	9		New moon 21. min. past 7. in
5	a	21	Feet	the morning.
6	b	3		
7	c	15	Head	Sun riseth 8. min. past 7. sets
8	D	27		52. past 4.
9	e	9		
10	f	21	Neck	Shrove Tuesday.
11	g	3		First quarter 15. min. before
12	a	16	Arms	noon.
13	b	29		Term ends.
14	c	13		Valentine.
15	D	27	Brest	Sun riseth 55. min. past 6. sets
16	e	12		5. min. past 5.
17	f	27	Heart	First Sunday in Lent.
18	g	12	Belly	Full moon the 8th day, 8. min.
19	a	27		past 9. in the morning.
20	b	12	Reins	Sun riseth 42. min. past 6. sets
21	c	27		12. past 5.
22	D	12	Secrets	
23	e	2		
24	f	9	Thighs	<i>Marbicus</i>
25	g	22		
26	a	5	Knees	
27	b	18		
28	c	0	Legs	Sun riseth 24. min. past 6. sets
				36. past 5.

March hath XXXI dayes

The Spring is now almost come,
Titan into the Ram doth run,
 Where he doth surely finde
 His Court according to his minde.

1	D	12	30		<i>David.</i>
2	c	24	28	Legs	Sun riseth 23. min. past 6. sets 37. past 5.
3	f	6	26		
4	g	18	22	Feet	
5	a	0	15		New moon 29. min. past 1. in the morning.
6	b	12	8	Head	Sun riseth 9. min. past 6, sets 31. past 5.
7	c	24	9		
8	D	6	12	Neck	
9	c	18	20		Equal day and night.
10	f	0	37		
11	g	13	5	Arms	
12	a	25	42		First quarter, 19. min. past 1 in the morning.
13	b	8	48	Brest	Sun riseth 54. min. past 5. sets 6. past 6.
14	c	22	18		
15	D	6	13		
16	c	20	35	Heart	
17	f	5	21		Full moon 4. min. past 6. in the afternoon.
18	g	20	28		<i>Natalis Ovidii.</i>
19	a	5	45	Reins	Sun riseth 42. min. past 5. sets 12. min. past 6.
20	b	20	53		Palm Sunday.
21	c	6	2	Secrets	
22	D	20	44		
23	c	4	54	Thighs	
24	f	18	40		Annuntiation of <i>Mary.</i>
25	g	1	57		Last quarter, the 26. day, 26. min. past 2. in the afternoon.
26	a	14	48	Knees	Sun riseth 30. min. past 5. sets 30. past 6.
27	b	27	14		
28	c	9	3		
29	D	21	32	Legs	<i>Pascha, or Easter day.</i>
30	c	3	6		
31	f	15	18	Feet	

April hath XXX dayes.

Sa now through *Aries* is almost run,
And to the celestial *But* is almost comes;
But when he doth therein enter,
A storm he doth thereby venter.

1	g	27	♄	9	Feet	Sun riseth 20. min. past 5. sets
2	a	9	♃	6	Head	40. past 6. (night.
3	b	21	5			New moon 18. min. past 6. at
4	c	3	♂	14	Neck	<i>Georgius Trapezontius</i> , 1396.
5	d	15	23			
6	e	27	36			
7	f	10	♂	10	Arms	<i>Natalis Platonis</i> .
8	g	22	47			Sun riseth 4. min past 5. sets
9	a	5	♄	35	Brest	56. past 6.
10	b	18	41			<i>Joannes Angelus</i> nas. 1470.
11	c	2	♂	2	Heart	First quarter, 30. min past 11.
12	d	15	59			in the afternoon.
13	e	29	57			Sun riseth 53. min. past 4. sets
14	f	14	♄	28	Belly	7. past 7.
15	g	29	17			Term begins.
16	a	14	♄	17	Reins	
17	b	29	18			
18	c	14	♂	16	Secrets	Full moon 15. min. past 2. in
19	d	28	55			the morning.
20	e	13	♄	10	Thighs	
21	f	26	59			Sun riseth 42. min. past 4. sets
22	g	10	♄	24	Knees	12. past 7.
23	a	23	17			<i>S. George</i> .
24	b	5	♄	59	Legs	
25	c	18	3			
26	d	0	♄	10	Feet	<i>Mark Evan</i> .
27	e	11	58			Last quarter, 30. min. past 6.
28	f	23	49			in the morning
29	g	5	♄	42	Head	Sun riseth 27. min. past 4. sets
30	a	17	33			33. past 7.

May hath XXXI dayes.

Peau through the Bull is almost past,
And to Gemini he makes great haste,
Where he will surely find
The Hyades almost of his minde.

1	b	29	Υ	41	Head	<i>Philip and Jacob.</i> Sun riseth
2	c	11	♄	55	Neck	at 22 min. past 4. sets 38. past 7.
3	D	24	18			New moon the 3. day at 19.
4	e	6	♂	54	Arms	min. past 9. in the forenoon.
5	f	19	37			<i>Rogation.</i>
6	g	2	♄	33	Brest	
7	a	15	40			<i>Ascension.</i>
8	b	28	57			Sun riseth 12. min. past 4. sets
9	c	12	♂	28	Heart	48. past 7.
10	D	26	13			First quarter, 32. min. past 6
11	e	10	♄	13	Belly	in the afternoon.
12	f	24	22			
13	g	8	♄	52	B	
14	a	23	27			Sun riseth 5. min. past 4. sets
15	b	8	♄		Secrets	55. past 7.
16	c	22	1			
17	D	7	♄	7	Thighs	<i>Whit Sunday.</i>
18	e	21	12			Full moon 52. min. past 10. in
19	f	4	♄	59	Knees	the morning.
20	g	18	20			<i>Dunston.</i>
21	a	1	♄	19	Legs	Sun riseth 55. min. past 3. sets
22	b	13	56			5. min. past 8.
23	c	26	15			
24	D	8	♄	15	Feet	Trinity Sunday. Last quarter
25	e	20	8			45 min. past 10. at night.
26	f	2	Υ	0	Head	<i>Augustine.</i>
27	g	13	50			
28	a	25	47			Sun riseth 51. min. past 3. sets
29	b	7	♄	54	Neck	9. past 8.
30	c	20	12			Serene blasts and temperate air
31	D	2	♂	45	Arms	about the 29. day.

June hath XXX dayes

Osiris into the celestial *Crab* is come,
And to the highest Northern point is run ;
Return he must and cannot stay,
For so it is, the *Lyon* must have his prey.

1	e	15 II 34	Arms	New moon 17. min. past 10. at night.
2	f	28 40		Sun riseth 49. min. past 3. sets 11. past 8.
3	g	11 S 58	Brest	Boniface.
4	a	25 32		<i>Natal Regiamontani</i> , An. 1436.
5	b	9 Q 11	Back	Sun riseth 48 min. past 3. sets 12. past 8.
6	c	21 4		First quarter, 35. min. past 11. at night.
7	d	7 R 3	Belly	Longest day, <i>Barnaby</i> .
8	e	21 5		Sun riseth 47. min. past 3. sets 13. past 8.
9	f	5 = 13	Reins	Full moon 39. min. past 8. at night.
10	g	19 22		Term ends.
11	a	3 M 33	Secrets	
12	b	17 44		
13	c	17 51		
14	d	15 48	Thighs	
15	e	29 34		
16	f	13 v	6 Knees	
17	g	26 20		
18	a	9 = 13	Legs	
19	b	21 49		
20	c	4 K 13		
21	d	16 14	Feet	Sun riseth 50. min. past 3. sets 10. past 8.
22	e	28 7		Last quarrer, 58. min. past 3. in the afternoon.
23	f	9 V 57		<i>John Baptist</i> .
24	g	21 45	Head	
25	a	3 O 43		
26	b	15 47	Neck	
27	c	28 9		
28	d	10 II 48	Arms	Sun riseth 54. min. past 3. sets 6 past 8.
29	e	23 47		<i>Peter and Paul</i> .
30	f	7 S 6	Brest	

July hath XXXI dayes.

Dieſpiter now from the Crab doth run,
The Lyon he is reſolved not to ſhun,
But therein his Court for to keep,
And give Cor Leo there a friendly greet.

1	g	20 5 48	Breſt	New moon 13. min. paſt 9. in the morning.
2	a	4 5 45	Heart	
3	b	18 57	Back	Sun riſeth 57. min. paſt 3. ſets 3. paſt 8.
4	c	3 18	Belly	
5	d	17 37		
6	e	2 3	Reins	<i>Carolus Capellius</i> nat. 1492.
7	f	16 11		Sun riſeth 3. min. paſt 4. ſets 57. paſt 7.
8	g	0 11		
9	a	14 23	Secrets	Fiſt quarter 18. min. paſt 4. in the morning.
10	b	28 1		
11	c	11 4 40	Thighs	
12	d	25 10		
13	e	8 32	Knees	Sun riſeth 13. min. paſt 4. ſets 47. min. paſt 7.
14	f	21 42		
15	g	4 38		Full moon 35 min. paſt 6. in the morning
16	a	17 23	Legs	<i>Marius Molza</i> , 1489.
17	b	29 50		Sun riſeth 20. min. paſt 4. ſets 40. paſt 7.
18	c	12 7	Feet	Laſt quarter, the 23. day at 3. min. paſt 9. in the morning.
19	d	24 12		<i>Franciſcus Sanſon</i> nat. 1518. 9.h. 54 min.
20	e	6 8		<i>Franciſcus Phile/plus</i> nat. 1398.
21	f	17 59	Head	<i>James Apoſtle.</i>
22	g	29 40		
23	a	11 44		
24	b	23 47	Neck	Sun riſeth 34. min. paſt 4. ſets 26. paſt 7.
25	c	6 5		New moon 28. min. paſt 6. in the afternoon.
26	d	18 41	Armes	
27	e	1 43		
28	f	15 10	Breſt	
29	g	29 3		
30	a	13 22		
31	b	27 54	Heart	

August hath XXXI dayes.

*Ilies hath now the Lyon been in,
And there hath shewed himself a King;
And now from his Court doth part,
To see if he can win the Virgins heart.*

1	c	12	♌	42	Belly	<i>Lammes.</i> Sun riseth 39. min.
2	d	27	31		Bowels	past 4. sets 21. past 7.
3	e	12	♍	16	Reins	h ♀ * 15.
4	f	26	45		Buttocks	First quarter 44. min. past 9.
5	g	10	♎	53	Secrers	in the morning.
6	a	25	0		Funda-	Sun riseth 50. min. past 4. sets
7	b	8	♏	35	ment	10. past. 7.
8	c	21	56		Thighs	☽ △ ⊙ 7 □ h 22 ♂ ♀ 21.
9	d	5	♐	6	Knees	
10	e	18	6			h ♀ □ 5.
11	f	0	♑	52	Legs	
12	g	13	30			Full moon 33. min. past 9. at
13	a	25	59		Legs	night. Sun riseth 3. min. past
14	b	8	♒	18	Feet	5. sets 57. min. past 6.
15	c	20	32		Feet	<i>John Baptist a Nat. An. 1530.</i>
16	d	2	♓	30	Head	born at Venice the 15. of Au-
17	e	14	24		Head	gust at 6. min. past 2. in the
18	f	26	15		Head	morning.
19	g	8	♊	7	Neck	♂ ♀ □ 17.
20	a	19	59		Throat	Sun riseth 16. min. past 5. sets
21	b	2	♈	0	Arms	44. past 6. Last quarter 15.
22	c	14	17		Hands	min. past 1. in the morning.
23	d	26	51		Shoulders	<i>Pudonicus vitalis.</i>
24	e	9	♉	49	Brefts	<i>Bavtholmew Appostle.</i>
25	f	23	14		Stomack	
26	g	7	♊	9	Heart	⊙ ♀ ♂ 1.
27	a	21	32		Back	Sun riseth 30. min. past 5. sets
28	b	6	♌	18	Belly	30. past 6.
29	c	21	26		Bowels	<i>John Baptist beheaded.</i> New
30	d	5	♍	27	Reins	moon 50. min. past 2. in the
31	e	21	37		Buttocks	morning.

September hath XXX dayes

Sol now after a complement
To Justice now is cleerly bent,
To equall now both night and day
So long as in this point he doth stay.

1	f	6 m 27	Secrets	Sun riseth 37. min. past 3. sets
2	g	21 D 0		23. past 6.
3	a	5 7 3	Thighs	
4	b	18 49		First quarter 58. min. past 5.
5	c	2 v 5	Knees	in the afternoon.
6	d	15 18		
7	e	27 53		Sun riseth 49. min. past 5. sets
8	f	10 m 23	Legs	11. min. past 6.
9	g	22 47		
10	a	5 H 0	Feet	
11	b	17 8		Full moon 12. min past 1. in the
12	c	29 9		afternoon. Equall day & night;
13	d	11 V 6	Head	Sun riseth 2. min. past 6. sets
14	e	23 2		58. min. past 5.
15	f	4 O 55	Neck	Cornelius Agrippa born, 1486.
16	g	16 47		Peregrinus Mantuanus magnus Phi-
17	a	28 46		losophus, 1462.
18	b	10 II 48	Arms	Sun riseth 12. min. past 6. sets
19	c	23 3		42. past 5. Last quarter at 4.
20	d	5 S 35	Brest	in the afternoon.
21	e	18 26		Matthew Apollie.
22	f	1 O 44	Heart	
23	g	15 30		
24	a	29 50		
25	b	14 M 35	Bowels	
26	c	29 39		
27	d	14 m 56	Reins	Sun riseth 28. min. past 6. sets
28	e	0 M 10	Secrets	32. past 5.
29	f	15 16		Michael Arch Angel.
30	g	0 7 3	Thighs	

October hath XXXI dayes.

Justice now begins to decline,
The weather now to look unfine;
So he looks with a Janus face,
And alwayes doth when in this place.

1	a	14	7	22	Thighs	Sun riseth 36 min. past. 6. sets 24. past 5.
2	b	28	15			
3	c	11	v	42	Knees	
4	d	24	44			First quarter 28. min. past 5. in the morning.
5	e	7	iii	27	Legs	
6	f	19	52			
7	g	2	x	5	Feet	
8	a	14	9			Sun riseth 48. min. past 6. sets 12. past 5.
9	b	26	17			
10	c	8	v	4	Head	
11	d	19	58			Full moon 36. min. past 6. in the morning.
12	e	1	o	53	Neck	Sun riseth 2. min. past 7. sets 58. past 4.
13	f	13	46			
14	g	25	46			
15	a	7	ii	50	Arms	Virgil Nas. An. Christ. 67
16	b	20	i			
17	c	5	2	23	Brest	Luke Evangelist.
18	d	14	58			Last quarter 41. min. past 4. in the morning.
19	e	27	49			
20	f	41	51	7	Heart	Sun riseth 15. min. past 7. sets 45. min. past 4.
21	g	24	41			
22	a	8	x	48	Belly	Martinus Lutherus natalis 1483
23	b	23	17			Term begins.
24	c	8	iii	8	Reins	
25	d	23	14			
26	e	8	ii	13	Secrets	New moon 51. min. past. 8. at night.
27	f	23	29			
28	g	8	7	19	Thighs	Simon and Jud.
29	a	22	50			Sun riseth 30. min. past 7. sets 30. past 4.
30	b	6	v	51	Knees	
31	c	20	30			

November hath XXX days.

November now is clearly come,
Sol through the *Scorpion* is almost run;
Sagittarius prepares him a place
Whence he intends to make his chase.

1	D	3	39	Legs	All Saints.
2	e	16	24		Sun riseth 34. min. past 7. sets
3	f	28	51		26. past 4.
4	g	11	✕ 1	Feet	First quarter 38. min. past 8.
5	a	23	2		at night. Powder Treason
6	b	4	Y 56	Head	Leonard.
7	c	16	46		Sun riseth 43. min. past 7. sets
8	D	28	37		17. past 4.
9	e	10	♂ 34	Neck	
10	f	22	36		
11	g	4	II 43	Arms	Full moon 3. min. past 1. in
12	a	17	0		the morning.
13	b	29	29		
14	c	12	♄ 6	Brest	Sun riseth 53. min. past 7. sets
15	D	24	53		7. past 4.
16	e	7	♂ 56	Heart	
17	f	21	15		Hugh.
18	g	4	♄ 48	Belly	Last quarter, 39. min. past 3.
19	a	18	44		in the afternoon.
20	b	2	♄ 55	Reins	Amos.
21	c	17	25		Sun riseth 1. min. past 8. sets
22	D	2	III 7	Secrets	59. past 3.
23	e	16	56		
24	f	1	♄ 45	Thighs	
25	g	16	24		
26	a	0	♄ 50	Knees	New moon 34. min. past 7. in
27	b	14	56		the morning.
28	c	28	35		Term ends. Sun riseth 7.
29	D	11	♄ 50	Legs	min. past 8. sets 53. past 3.
30	e	21	43		Advent Sunday.
					Andrew Apostle.

December hath XXXI dayes.

Phabus now with his *Glorious* light,
To the Southern parts he takes delight;
The year now draws well neer an end,
And I am well if this be well pen'd.

1	t 7 D 14		Sun riseth 10. min. past 8. sets
2	g 19 K 28	Feet	50. past 3. First quarter 24.
3	a 1 Y 26	Head	min. past 3. in the afternoon.
4	b 13 17		
5	c 25 7		
6	D 6 O 57	Neck	Sun riseth 13. min. past 8. sets
7	e 18 54		47. past 3.
8	f o II 58	Arms	Conception of <i>Mary</i> .
9	g 13 16		Full moon 56. min. past 6. at
10	a 25 48		night,
11	b 8 S 34	Brest	The shortest day.
12	c 21 40		
13	D 4 O 48	Heart	
14	e 18 14		Sun riseth and seth at the
15	f 1 M 49	Belly	time last writren.
16	g 15 36		
17	a 29 30		Last quarter 34. min. past 12
18	b 13 S 34	Reins	at night.
19	c 27 45		
20	D 11 M 59	Secrets	
21	e 26 21		<i>Thomas</i> Apostle.
22	f 10 7 41	Thighs	Sun riseth 7. min. past 8. sets
23	g 24 56		53 past 3. New moon 16 min
24	a 9 V 3	Knees	past 8 at night, on the 24 day
25	b 22 55		<i>Christs</i> Nativity.
26	c 6 S 30	Legs	<i>Stephen</i> .
27	D 19 45		<i>Job</i> Evangelist.
28	e 2 K 36	Feet	<i>Innocent</i> 1.
29	f 15 10		Sun riseth 3 min. past 8. sets 57
30	g 27 25		past 3. h O I.
31	a 9 V 27	Head	D h O 19.

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How to know the Termes beginning and ending, for ever.

YOU are then to understand, that *Easter Term* always beginneth the 18 day after *Easter day*, reckoning *Easter day* for one; and endeth the *Monday* next after the *Ascension day*.

Trinity Term beginneth, the *friday* next after *Corpus Christi day*, and endeth the *Wednesday* fortnight after.

Michaelmas Term beginneth the 9 or 10 day of *October*, and endeth the 28 or 29 of *November*.

Hillary Term beginneth the 23 of *January*, and endeth the 12 or 13 of *February*.

The Returnes of the Termes.

Hillary Term hath four Returnes, as thus:

Octab. Hilarii, Jan. 20. } *Craft. Purificationis*, Feb. 3.
Quind. Hilarii, Jan. 27. } *Octab. Purificationis*, Feb. 9.

Easter Term hath five Returnes, as thus;

Quind. Paschæ, Apr. 30. } *Mense Paschæ*, May 14.
Tres Paschæ, May 7. } *Quind. Paschæ*, May 21.
Chrastino Ascen. May 25.

Trinitie Term hath four Returnes, as thus;

Craft. Trin. June 11. } *Quind. Trin.* June 25;
Octab. Trin. June 18. } *Tres Trinit.* July 2.

Michaelmas Terme, hath sixe Returnes, as thus;

Tres Mich. Octob. 10. } *Craft. Martin.* Novemb. 12.
Mense Mich. Octob. 27. } *Octab. Martin.* Novemb. 19.
Craft. Animar. Nov. 3. } *Quind. Martin.* Novemb. 26.

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To finde the Moons age for ever.

TO finde the age of the Moon, you must have three things; as the Epact, the number of the moneth from March to your proposed moneth, and the day of your proposed moneth; then adde these three sums together, so have you the Moons age. But if this number be above 30 or 60, then cast away 30 or 60, and the remainder is the Moons age.

How to finde the time of the Moons rising and setting.

AND to finde her rising, if she encrease add the hours and minutes of her shining, to the hour and minute of the Suns rising, and the sum of both is the time of the Moons rising.

A second Rule.

But if the Moon decrease, or be above 15 days old, then you must subtract the time of her shining from the time of the Sun rising, and the remainder will be the Moons rising.

The third Rule, how to finde her setting.

In the increase of the Moon, or when she is not 15 days old, add the hours and minutes of her shining, to the hours and minutes of sun setting, and the sum of both numbers is her setting.

The fourth Rule.

In the decrease, you must subtract her shining from the sun setting, and the remainder is her setting: But if the time of the Suns setting, be less then the Moons shining, then you must adde twelve hours thereto, and the time will emerge.

How to finde how long the Moon shineth every Night.

IN this you need nothing but the age of the Moon, and then having her age, if she be not above 15 days old, then say thus: If she be one day old, then she shineth 48. min. if she be two days old, then she shineth 1. h. 36. min. and if she be three days old, then she shineth 2. h.

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3. h. 24. min. and so you may know her shining all the increase, by onely adding [for every day of her age 48. minutes; as if she were 7 dayes old, then I say, seven times 48 minutes, maketh five hours 36 minutes, and so long the Moon shineth, being seven days old.

But if the Moon be 16 days old, then you must subtract once 48 min. from 12. and the remainder is her shining; and so according to this rule you are to work when she decreaseth, or is above 15 days old: as if she was 17 days old, then subtract twice 48 min. from 12 hours, and the remainder is the Moons shining.

A Table shewing the time of the Moons coming to the South.

The Moons age for her Southing.		The Moons comming to the South.	
Dayes.		H.	M.
1	16	0	48
2	17	1	36
3	18	2	24
4	19	3	12
5	20	4	00
6	21	4	48
7	22	5	36
8	23	6	24
9	24	7	12
10	25	8	00
11	26	8	48
12	27	9	36
13	28	10	24
14	29	11	12
15	30	12	00

The use of the Table is thus;

Seek the Moons age, under the title of the Moons age for her Southing; and over against that number, you have the hours and minutes of her comming to the South; but if you desire to know her Southing more exact, you must perform it by subtracting the right ascension of the Sun from the right ascension of the Moon, and the remainder turned into time, sheweth the exact time of the comming to the South;

You are here to take notice, that the exact time

of high water or full sea cannot be exactly known without this Rule.

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A Table, ſhewing the hours and minutes which belong to the ſeveral Havens in and about England, which hours and minutes are to be added to the hours and minutes of the Moons coming to the ſouth; whereby is found the hours and minutes of high water or full Sea at any of them at any time.

The names of the Havens.	H. M.
Quinborough, Portsmouth, Southampton, Iſle of Wight,	
Spits, Kentiſh Knock,	12 00
Rochetter, Maldon, Redband, Weſt end of the Nore,	
Aberdeen,	0 45
Graveſend, Tenet, Downs, Blackneſs, Rumney, Silly, halfe Tide,	1 30
Dundee, St. Andrews, Holy Iſle, Liſbone, Bell Iſle, St. Lucas,	2 15
London, Amſterdam, Hartlepool, Galicia, Tinmouth, Whitebay, Brimain,	3 0
Flamborough head, Burdeaux, Barwick, Bridlington Bay,	3 45
Dungarum, Severn, Kork-haven, Scarborough quarter dide. Lawrenas,	4 30
Humber, St. Mallows, Dartmouth, Torbay, Salley, Falmouth, Newcaſtle,	5 15
Plimouth, Weymouth, Antwerp, I in, Hull, Davids-head,	6 0
Briſtol, Foulneſs at the Start,	6 45
Lands end, Waterford, Abermorick, Milford, Bridge-water,	7 30
St. Hellen, Pool, Cathnes, Orkney, Kildien, Fair-Iſles,	9 00
Layſto, Needles, North and South Forelands,	9 45
Portland, Harſlew, the Hague, Peterport, St. Magnes Sound, Lumbay, Dublin.	8 15
Calice Road, Yarmouth, Dover, St. John de Luce, Harwich,	10 30
Rye, Wincheſſey, Gortend, Thames, Rhodes,	11 15
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The use of this Table.

I desire to know at what time it will be full sea or high water at London-bridg on the 10 day of *January* 1657, at that day the Moon is 6 dayes old, then with 6 I enter the Table of the Moons southing, and over against 6 the Moons age, I finde 4 hours, 48 min. then I seek the name of the place in this latter Table, and at the end of the line I finde 3 hou. 0 min. the which I add together, and the whole is 7 hou 48 min. at which time it is full sea at London this 10 of *January* 1657. Thus understand of all other places.

Rules for electing any work in the Art of Distillation or Alchimy.

W HEN thou beginnest any work of this nature, place the *Moon* in a common signe, free from all manner of impediment and misfortune; also the Lord of the Ascendant, and let the signe ascending be a common signe; fortifie also that Planet which ruleth the matter you work upon, as if it be Lead, fortifie *Saturn*; if Tin *Jupiter*; if Iron, *Mars*; if Gold, the *Sun*; if Brass or Copper, *Venus*; if Quick-silver, *Mercury*; if Silver, the *Moon*; &c. and still remember to dispose of them, viz. your Significators, according to this rule; and that in the beginning of your work. &c.

Some brief general Rules for Husbandry and Gardening.

A S concerning the most apt time for sowing and planting trees, and cutting Vines, you are to note; that there are five moneths in the year most fit for such operations, and they be these: *March*, *April*, *May*, *September*, and *October*: and in these moneths also you are to observe these rules.

1 When you would plant or graft trees or vines, let the Moon be in Taurus, Aquarius, Virgo or Capricorn, in sextile or trine of Saturn, and let her be increasing.

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2 When you would sow, generally let the Moon be in Cancer, Capricorn, or Taurus, in sextile or trine of Saturn, in the increase of the Moon.

3 When you would sow fields, or corn, let the Moon be in Virgo, in sextile or trine of Saturn, in the increase of the Moon. When you would garden and sow, let the Moon be in Libra, in sextile or trine of Saturn, in the increase of the Moon.

4 When you would remove and set young trees, let it be done in *October, November, December, or January*, the Moon being in Taurus or Capricorn, in sextile or trine of Saturn, in the increase of the Moon.

5 When you would fell timber, let it be done in *December or January*, when the Moon is in the last quarter.

6 When you would cut vines, let it be done in *January, February*, and the beginning of *March*, in the increase of the Moon, she being in Taurus or Virgo.

7 Cut your hedges in *January* untill *June*, in the increase of the Moon.

8 When you gather fruits, let the Moon be near the full, in a day that is dry, and as hot as may be.

9 Also gather seeds and flowers at the full moon, in a dry day.

10 When you geld cattel, let the moon be in Aries, Sagittary, or Capricorn.

11 When you shear sheep or cut hair, that you would have grow again quickly, let the moon be in Taurus, Virgo or Libra, and increasing.

12 In mucking your Land, that weeds may not abound, let it be done in the last quarter of the moon.

Natural Prognosticks for the judgement of
Weather.

IF in the west about sun setting, there appear a black cloud, it will rain that night or the day following.

If the Sun or Moon look pale, look for rain; if they look fair

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fair and bright then fair weather, if they look red expect windes.

If the skie be red in the morning, it is a signe of rain.

If a dark cloud be at the Sun rising, in which the Sun soon after is hid, it is a signe of rain.

The often change of the windes, signifies rain.

If two Rain-bowes appear, rain followeth.

If a Rain-bow presently appear after rain, that shewes fair weather.

Mists in the evening shew a hot day on the morrow.

White mists rising from the waters in the evening, shews a hot day.

A very sure signe of rain, is when the winde is southerly.

Flies and Gnats, bite sore towards a tempest.

If mists come down from the Hills and settle in the Valleys, it promiseth fair hot weather.

O: the Eclipses this year, 1657.

THe two great Lights of the World, this year shall twice a peece be eclipsed or darkened; but we in England shall see but onely the two Eclipses of the Moon.

The first Eclipse this year, is of the Sun, and it falleth upon the 10 of June, near 10 of the clock at night.

The second Eclipse is of the Moon, and it is upon the 15 day of June, which will be seen at London.

The third Eclipse is of the Sun, and it is upon the 25 day of November, near 7 in the morning; but cannot be seen at London.

The fourth and last Eclipse is of the Moon, and it is upon the tenth of December, and will be seen at London.

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The first Eclipse of the Moon will be wholly dark,
June 15, 1657.

The beginning of the Eclipse is at,	6 40 51
The beginning of total darkness,	8 01 52
The middle or greatest obscuration,	8 26 00
The true opposition,	8 30 11
The end of total darkness,	8 50 08
The end & full recovery of the Suns light,	10 11 09
The total Duration,	3 30 18

*Of the second Eclipse of the Moon, the 10
 of December, 1657.*

The beginning of the Eclipse at London,	5 41 11
The great obscuration,	6 49 07
The true opposition,	6 57 42
The end & full recovery of the Suns light,	7 57 03
The totall Duration,	2 15 52
The Digits or points Eclipsed,	5 53 13

So that this Eclipse is but small.

Having thus far spoken of the Eclipses, I will now in order give you some Astrological predictions for this present year 1657. And they shall be drawn from the figures of the Suns Eclipse in 1654, also the Eclipse of the Sun 1656 January, the Conjunction of Jupiter and Mars 1656. Also the conjunction of Saturn and Mars 1656, and the Eclipse of the Moon in June 1657. Also the Figures of the Suns entrance into Aries and Libra, 1656. Thus having told you from whence I intend to fetch my discourse for this year, I come now to the work.

The effects of the Eclipse 1654, are in this year to end, and they end in the tenth house of the heavens; as if about this time some Monarch had made an end of his tyrannical power, or fallen into some great trouble, which put him into a dangerous and tottering condition.

Look

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Look to it you Monarchs of those Countreies or places subject to Leo or Aquarius, Taurus or Scorpio, but chiefly those subject to Leo; and for your comfort, when this glass is out, you have another Eclipse of the Sun in Aquarius, which will fill your glass again, and make you sensible of what miseries you have inflicted upon your poor subjects.

Leo being the signe which is supposed to rule Bristol, and the Eclipse in 54 falleth in it; and this in 56 falleth in Aquarius, the opposite signe to Leo; therefore you may look to see some of the effects of these Eclipses to operate in that City, viz. some damage by water; I hope the Bristol Merchants are not in a way of losing their goods at sea, either by firing the ships, or other manner of shipwrack, nor the sea banks over-flow. It prenotes also some difference about buildings, and the Law, and Church affairs. It also prenotes bad passage from Bristol to Ireland towards the Winter, by reason of tempests. It also tells us that Ireland is not yet furnished with corn and cattle; it also prenotes pestilential diseases, in those places subject to the signe Eclipsed. Here is some rout given to the Clergy this year, in the Cities subject to the effects; the Dragons tail in the second House, shews loss to the English Nation, Mars hastens to the conjunction of Jupiter, and he is Lord of that tenth house; I pray that the souldiery may be quier; the quartile of Mercury to Jupiter, shews men are high in words or Petitions: thus much of these Eclipses.

*Of the Conjunction of Jupiter and Mars,
in January, 1656.*

THe conjunction is in Aries, a regular signe, and in the tenth, a regular house; Mars is chief Lord of the
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conjunction; and is Lord of the tenth House; and strongly afflicting Jupiter Lord of the ninth, as if by this position, they tell us of the Law to be somewhat regulated, the Priests suffer, Judges in question, the Common-wealth governed by the sword; this Government must stand; about the Spring time some noise of wars, or some eminent matter in question.

The soldiery looks aloft, even to the highest steps of Ecclesiastical power; the Moon applies to a trine of Venus, a pleasing spirit appears, and I hope all will be quiet. To be brief, I say that the Lawyers, the Law, Priests, Judges and such like, are the principal men and things concerned in this conjunction of Jupiter and Mars.

*Of the Conjunction of Saturn and Mars in
Virgo, September, 1656.*

THis conjunction of Saturn and Mars falleth in Virgo, therefore London and the South and West of England shall suffer; Lions and Paris shall to purpose feel the effects of this conjunction. Spain, especially the City of Toledo, must share in the effects of this conjunction; so also must Portugal and Normandy drink of the same cup with many other nations and Cities which I shall not here mention for brevities sake;

All that I shall, or have to say, or at least wayes will say at this time, is this, viz. The conjunction is in Virgo, and in the sixth house.

Saturn is Lord of the eleventh, tenth, and ninth Houses, and he is in conjunction of Mars; the Sun is in Libra, and in the sixth House, and the Moon is in opposition to the Sun; From these positions we may expect and justly fear, first frost, snow, and cold weather, with some grievous sickness to mankind, of the nature of Saturn; as
Quartain

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Quartain Agues, hardnesse of the Spleen, Hypochondrick melancholy, and all other diseases which come of melancholly, Rheums, Consumptions, Black-jaundies, Palsies, Trembling, vain Fears, Gouts of all sorts, Hemorrhoids, broken Bones and Dislocations, Deafnes, Ruptures, pain in the Bones, all madness that comes of melancholly, fear, or grief.

The truth is, the Conjunction being in the sixth house, prenotes that the vulgar shall most feel the effects of this Conjunction, and their crops of corn to be but short, with death of their small cattle. But if we consider what Houses Saturn is Lord of, we finde him to be Lord of the eleventh, tenth, and ninth; from hence, we may expect alteration of Laws, and changing of Rulers and principal men in authority. I pray God these things may be effected if they must be done, that they may be done in peace.

The Sun is in his fall, and the Moon is in opposition to him, and the conjunction in the sixth house, this signifies the vulgar growes somewhat high minded, and the soldiery is much discontented: — But I am to say no more.

*Of the Eclipse of the Moon, June 15.
1657.*

THis Eclipse being in the Ascendant, the effects fall upon young men, and things in their beginning, it being in Capricorn and in the summer; but the effects worketh not till winter: therefore it signifieth too much moisture or cold, it also tels us of alteration of Governments

In the Eclipse of the Sunne 1656, which fell in Aquarius, Saturn is almost wholly Lord of it: That Eclipse is now in working its effects. Also Saturn is lord
of

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of the eleventh, tenth, and ninth; in the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Virgo* in 1656, and that conjunction is now in force, these three do all shew or agree in one thing: This Eclipse is in *Capricorn*, and *Oxford* is subject to this signe, let *Oxford* therefore look to suffer. This Eclipse tells us of want or scarcity of corn; it also puts our Merchants ships in danger by reason of shipwrack; the Clergy is pointed out in this Figure, to have some small share in the effects; it also moves many slanders and false aspersions against very many men, and declares an untimely death unto some person of worth. I am sure I know who shall be sure to have a large share in these slanders, and I also know whose life or health it threatneth, towards *November*.

There is a *Great Person* in the World, perhaps in some part of *Europe*, that had the *Sun* in five degrees and twenty five minutes of *Capricorn* at the time when he undertook the *Government* he now possesseth; If there be, then I say observe the latter part of the year, and you may know who I mean for one: But my name is, *Mercurius Hermeticus*.

Of the Sun his entrance into Aries for this present year, 1657.

I Shall in this Figure endeavour to be as short as possible I may be.

In this Figure *Jupiter* is lord of this half year, and now I do onely take notice, that *Venus* is Lady of the tenth House, and in *Taurus*, no manner of way afflicted; the *Sun* is also in his *Exaltation*, but in *Opposition* to *Saturn* in the ninth House.

If those men in Authority do but defend themselves, as easily they may, from some plot made or invened by Priests, Monkes, or Papists, then I say all is well for this half year.

Mars

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Mars is also in quartile to the tenth House; from hence a great grudge ariseth by reason of Taxes or oppression of the people.

The Souldiery is rampant in what parts soever they are; I hope no difference betwixt the Civil power and them, if there be; I pray God they may be reconciled: But I know who will have the worst, if I might write further.

As I said before, our Souldiery are rampant in what places soever they are: And indeed no Nation of the world shall be able to hurt us during this half year.

About this time we make a League or Peace with some nation. I pray take notice, that the ☉ is in ♊, *Saturn* is in *Libra*, *Mars* is in ♋, ☿ is in ♎, and the ☾ in ♎, and ♃ is in his *Detriment*, ♀ is in his fall; we have in this Figure but two Planets out of their own essential Dignities, and they are *Jupiter* and *Mercury*: as if by this *Position* all manner of people should thrive but *Priests* and *Lawyers*, and petti-fogging *Knaves*. And indeed if his Highnesses References go forward, as I could wish they may, then the *Lawyers* and petti fogging *Knaves*, will have time enough to pill straws in stead of mens purses.

*Of the Sun his entrance into Libra for this
year, 1657.*

AS in the Figure before there was some trouble threatened to men in Authority, so also is here in this; for *Saturn* is lord of the tenth, and in *Conjunction* of the *Sun*, the *Moon* also is in opposition both to *Saturn* and the *Sun*; this doth argue a turning out of some in Authority, and that great trouble and vexation shall befall them. Without question some Plot at this time, is now or about this time near breaking out against some in authority.

Saturn

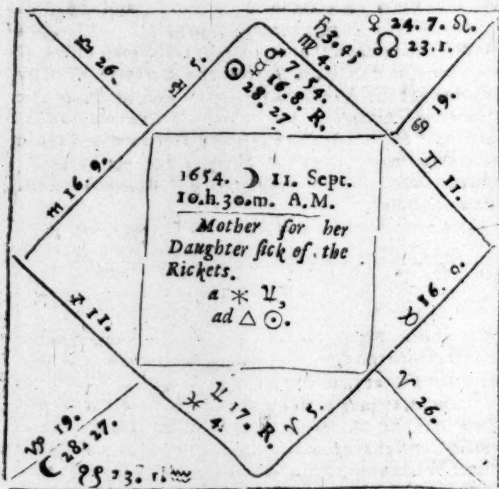
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Saturn is Lord of the ninth, the Moon applies to his opposition, and he is now combust: Now is the time of some trouble with Priests, Lawyers, or some trouble about the Law it self.

Mars was in the last figure in Capricorn, in quartile to the tenth house, you now have him in Aries, in in quartile to the same house also.

I much wonder what the souldiery means! I am a Hermite, and therefore care not what. *Vale.*

A Figure of the Mother for her Daughter sick of the Rickets.



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AT the time within written, a Gentlewoman came unto me, and propounded these questions to me. Is my Daughter curable or not? what is her disease?

My answer was thus. After I had looked over the Figure, I told her; That the childe was curable, and that the disease was the Rickets. Whereupon she desired me to take the childe in hand to cure it; and so I did, and cured it in five dayes.

My reasons in Art for the before written answers to the questions, are as followeth.

The fifth House and the Lord thereof, are for the childe; the Lord of the sixth, and the sixth House, and the Planets therein, for the disease; I mean the sixth from the fifth, which is the tenth in the Figure: with the Moon, and the Lord of the Ascendant.

In the first place, Venus who is Lady of the tenth, but 12 in the Figure, doth no manner of way afflict Mars, Lord of the childe's Ascendant, nor the Ascendant, it self, nor the Moon, these argued no death in that disease. Secondly I considered Mercury, Lord of the childe's sixth, was both retrograde, and under the Sars beams. Thirdly, I found the Sun in the childe's sixth. Fourthly, I found the Moon separating from a sextile of Jupiter, and applying to a trine of the Sun, these things made me judge the child curable. Some may perhaps say, that because Mars lord of the childe's Ascendant, is in the childe's sixth, and in conjunction of Saturn, that might argue death. To this I answer, that can no wayes be; for Saturn is not lord of the childe's eighth, therefore could not kill, he could but prolong the disease, for he had not that office upon him at that time.

My reason for judging the disease to be the Rickets.

First, I found Mars lord of the childe's ascendant in Virgo an earthly signe, and in conjunction of Saturn, and not far from Mercury. 2. Mercury lord of the sixth in Virgo, and the Moon in Capricorn, and the Sun in Virgo,
both

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both signes of the earthly triplicity, argued that the disease was of melancholly; then finding *Mercury* to be Lord of the childes sixth, and in his own House, I concluded the parts afflicted to be the head and stomack; because *Mercury* in *Virgo*, signifieth those parts: To put all this into practice; I considered, first that the party sick was a childe, and that the humour offending was melancholly; and the parts of the Body afflicted, to be the head and stomack, ribs and sides: so then I considered what disease is proper to those parts of a childes body, which might be caused of melancholly, and I could find no disease more like it then the *Rickets*.

It may be I may meet with some Critick, that will say the parts afflicted in the *Rickets*, are the liver, &c. and so consequently conclude, that I know not what I write. But when I shall meet with such a Critick, I have one or two arguments, too large here to be inserted, that shall stop his further proceedings therein, and shall drive him as far out of conceit of himself, as he conceiveth I am out of the way. And I do further say, that if God give me leave, ere long, I will publish a Discourse of Physick by Astrology, that shall make it appear, that no man can be a true Philitian, as to understand either the Cause or the Cure, or whether the Sickness shall end in Life or Death, except he have judgement in *Astrology*; nor shall never be able to know at all times whether his Medicine given to the Patient will work its effects for which he giveth it. I do also promise, every year to publish one or more Figures of the like nature as this is, in my yearly *Mercurius Hermeticus*, until I shall have compleated the former work.

Qui conversatur cum Sanctis sanctificatur.

From my House Great More-fields,
next d^oor to the Cock in the
Wall, London; 4. Aug. 1656.

FINIS.